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Federal Education Funding Dashboard

As part of the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) continued commitment to providing regular updates on the Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER), a new online [Federal Funding Dashboard](#) is now available that will provide up-to-date information on how local education agencies (LEAs) are using ESSER Funds to accelerate academic recovery, address mental health needs, and provide resources to address impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The ESSER funds continue to play an integral role in our response to the pandemic. This dashboard will allow the public to see how much funding an LEA received from each round of federal emergency funds, what has been spent, and the time remaining to spend the funds.

The intent of the ESSER funds is to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds may be used for a wide range of [allowable activities](#), including:

- Supporting physical health and safety, such as developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies in line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) ;
- Meeting students' social, emotional, mental health, academic, and other needs; and
- Operational continuity and other allowed uses.

The dashboard shares information regarding how the ESSER funds have been spent. Although the allowable uses of funds are similar across the three ESSER funds, there are important distinctions between the three programs, including the period of fund availability, equitable services to nonpublic schools, and required LEA reservations. More information regarding [each ESSER program](#) is available on the NJDOE website.

Questions regarding the ESSER funds should be directed to ESSER@doe.nj.gov.

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